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CASE: CT2749 US - NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE APPLICATION OF
YONG-JIN WU, ET AL**

ART UNIT: 1624

EXAMINER: BERNHARDT, EMILY B

APPLICATION NO: 10/719,188

FILED: 11/21/2003

**FOR: 3-(PYRIDINYL-PIPERAZIN-1-YL)PHENYLETHYL AMIDES AS
POTASSIUM CHANNEL OPENERS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER RULE 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

A shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 was due November 29, 2005. Submitted herewith is a request for an extension of time of one (1) month in which to reply. Accordingly, the extended due date for reply is December 29, 2005.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are amended. Claim 5 has been cancelled.

Please amend claim 1, line 8, by inserting an "a" after "phenyl optionally substituted with".

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